

versatile disk (DVD), or a rewritable medium such as a CD-R or CD-RW disk or a magneto-optical disk which is optically readable and magneto-optically writeable. Medium 500 preferably has a suitable substrate 501, which may be conventional, and a suitable coating 502, which may be conventional, usually on one side of substrate 501.

Remarks

This application was inadvertently filed without two sheets of drawings containing FIGS. 15 and 16. On December 26, 2001, the Patent and Trademark Office issued a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application that indicated that FIGS. 15 and 16, which are described in the specification, were omitted from this application.

Applicant accepted the application as deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and maintains the filing date to be the date of deposit of the application papers in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 601.01(g), applicant amended this application on February 26, 2002 to remove specific references to FIGS. 15 and 16 and to the reference numbers therein.

Applicant believes, however, that the specification of this application sufficiently describes FIGS. 15 and 16 to support the amendment of this application to include FIGS. 15 and 16. With this preliminary amendment applicant is adding FIGS. 15 and 16 and is reinserting specific references to FIGS. 15 and 16 and to the reference numbers therein.

On the issue of new matter, applicants note first that the specification as filed was written with FIGS. 15 and

16 in mind. Thus the amended specification on which applicants' filing date has been based, even with the deletion of all explicit references to FIGS. 15 and 16, still describes the subject matter of FIGS. 15 and 16 in detail. The fact that so little amendment of the specification is required in this Preliminary Amendment to reintroduce FIGS. 15 and 16, in particular with respect to the introduction of reference numerals, is further evidence that the specification as previously amended contains sufficient description of the subject matter of FIGS. 15 and 16 that their reintroduction does not constitute the addition of new matter.

Specifically, FIGS. 15 and 16 illustrate cross-sections of a magnetic data storage medium and an optically-readable data storage medium, respectively. Features of these medium are described in the specification as filed. The addition of the FIG. 15 and 16 with which the specification as filed corresponds provides illustrations for the described features.

Accordingly, the specification, claims and drawings on which applicants' filing date is based -- i.e., the application as previously amended, fully supports the addition of FIGS. 15 and 16. The addition of FIGS. 15 and 16 to the application would not constitute new matter.

Entry of the present amendment is respectfully
requested.

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